

## House File 296 - Introduced

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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for population impact statements on bills,  
2 resolutions, and amendments.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   **2.57 Population impact statements.**

2     1. Prior to debate on the floor of a chamber of the general  
3 assembly, a population impact statement shall be attached to  
4 any bill, joint resolution, or amendment which proposes a  
5 change in the law that creates or may create a disproportionate  
6 or unique impact on a segment of the population of this state.  
7 The statement shall be factual and shall, if possible, provide  
8 a reasonable estimate of both the immediate effect and the  
9 long-range impact on the segment of the population identified  
10 in the statement.

11    2. *a.* When a committee of the general assembly reports  
12 a bill, joint resolution, or amendment to the floor, the  
13 committee shall state in the report whether a population impact  
14 statement is or is not required.

15    *b.* The legislative services agency shall review all bills  
16 and joint resolutions placed on the calendar of either chamber  
17 of the general assembly, as well as amendments filed to bills  
18 or joint resolutions on the calendar, to determine whether a  
19 population impact statement is required.

20    *c.* A member of the general assembly may request the  
21 preparation of a population impact statement by submitting a  
22 request to the legislative services agency.

23    3. The legislative services agency shall cause to be  
24 prepared a population impact statement within a reasonable  
25 time after receiving a request or determining that a proposal  
26 is subject to this section. All population impact statements  
27 approved by the legislative services agency shall be  
28 transmitted immediately to either the chief clerk of the house  
29 or the secretary of the senate, after notifying the sponsor  
30 of the legislation that the statement has been prepared for  
31 publication. The chief clerk of the house or the secretary  
32 of the senate shall attach the statement to the bill, joint  
33 resolution, or amendment affected as soon as it is available.

34    4. The legislative services agency may request the  
35 cooperation of any state department or agency or political

1 subdivision in preparing a population impact statement.

2 5. A revised population impact statement shall be prepared  
3 if the population impact has been changed by the adoption of  
4 an amendment, and may be requested by a member of the general  
5 assembly or be prepared upon a determination made by the  
6 legislative services agency. However, a request for a revised  
7 population impact statement shall not delay action on the  
8 bill, joint resolution, or amendment unless so ordered by the  
9 presiding officer of the chamber.

10 Sec. 2. Section 2A.4, subsection 6, Code 2013, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 6. Performance of the duties pertaining to the preparation  
13 of correctional impact statements as provided in section 2.56  
14 and population impact statements as provided in section 2.57.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill requires the legislative services agency to attach  
17 a population impact statement to a bill, joint resolution, or  
18 amendment which proposes a change in the law which creates  
19 a disproportionate or unique impact on a segment of the  
20 population of this state. The bill establishes the procedure  
21 for requesting, preparing, and modifying, if necessary, a  
22 population impact statement.